

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 1 and 20 are amended to correct grammar and to replace the phrase "interrupted with" with the term "contains." In a recent telephone conversation, Examiner Tung requested that the term "interrupted" be changed. This amendment is in response to that request.

Also, during the telephone conversation, Examiner Tung objected to the term "optionally." However, it is respectfully submitted that "optionally" is not indefinite. See, e.g., *Ex Parte Cordova*, 10 USPQ2d 1949, 1950 (POBA 1989) ["It is our opinion that the use of the alternative expression 'optionally' in the rejected claims does not obfuscate the subject matter appellants regard as their invention."] and *Ex Parte Wu*, 10 USPQ2d 2031, 2032 (POBA 1989) ["We therefore do not consider the claims to be indefinite as a result of the claimed optional component."]

In view of the above remarks, allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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